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SUBJECT:EXPANSION OF EAGLE/LARK EXERCISES

REF: TAIPEI 4402

1. WE SHARE EMBASSY TAIPEI'S VIEW THAT PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EAGLE/LARK EXERCISES IS UNDESIRABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. WE AGREE WITH THE POINTS MADE IN PARA 4 REF-TEL, AND BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION RUNS COUNTER TO THE GENERAL THRUST OF OUR POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE US MILITARY PRESENCE ON TAIWAN. HAVING JUST COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TWO US F-4 SQUADRONS ON TAIWAN, WE CAN SEE NO MERIT WHATEVER IN RE-INTRODUCING US COMBAT AIRCRAFT.

2. EXPANDED EAGLE/LARK EXERCISES COULD ALSO BECOME SER-CONFIDENTIAL

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IOUS POLITICAL ISSUE IN JAPAN. OPPOSITION POLITICAL

PARTIES WOULD CERTAINLY ATTEMPT TO PORTRAY REGULAR DEPLOYMENT OF FMAW AIRCRAFT FROM JAPAN TO TAIWAN FOR TRAINING AS EVIDENCE THAT US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY INVOLVED JAPAN IN TAIWAN DEFENSE AND COMPLICATES THEIR RELATIONS WITH PRC.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM TDC OF OUR VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL. WE WOULD PREFER THAT IT BE KILLED IN TAIPEI, RATHER THAN AFTER HAVING BEEN REFERRED TO CINCPAC AND/OR WASHINGTON FOR A DECISION, AND WOULD HOPE THAT COMUSTDC HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DO SO. IN ANY EVENT, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S KEEPING US INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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